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26. (Amended) The permeabilized bacterium of claim 25, wherein the bacterium is selected from the group consisting of *Streptococcus*, *Aerococcus*, *Carnobacterium*, *Enteroccus*, *Erysipelothrix*, *Gemella*, *Globicatella*, *Lactobacillus*, *Lactococcus*, *Bifidobacteria*, *Leuconostoc*, *Pediococcus*, *Tetragenococcus*, and *Bacillus* bacteria.--